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**PUBLIC INVITED TO OBSERVE/ADDRESS  
THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT'S  
RESOURCE ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING  
IN TAOS, NEW MEXICO**

The New Mexico Resource Advisory Council (RAC) will meet in Taos, NM, on Thursday and Friday, August 9 and 10 at the Sagebrush Inn at 1508 Paseo Del Pueblo Sur, Taos, New Mexico, 87571 starting at 8:00 a.m. each day. This meeting is open to the citizens of New Mexico. The Public may address the RAC on Friday, August 10, at 10:00 a.m., on issues the RAC has under consideration.

The purpose of the New Mexico Resource Advisory Council is to advise the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Land Management, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with the management of public lands.

The main topic of discussion will be Off Highway Vehicle use on Public Lands.  
Presentations will include:

- Jim Keeler, Bureau of Land Management's National lead on Off Highway Vehicle use, will address the RAC regarding National Management Strategy. (Thursday)
- An update by Abel Camarena, Deputy Regional Forester, USFS, on Off Highway Vehicle efforts on the Arizona Forests, as related to what they are doing with BLM, as the template for addressing OHV issues and concerns here in New Mexico. (Thursday)
- New Mexico Field Office Manager's reports
- RAC Subcommittee's Reports.

The Council's responsibilities include providing advice on long-range planning and establishing resource management priorities. The New Mexico RAC was established in 1995 as a component of the BLM's Rangeland Management Program. It is made up of volunteer New Mexicans who have a wide variety of viewpoints and expertise on how best to guarantee healthy public lands in the State.

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